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PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 04329.2675

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Tsuyoshi SHIBATA)) Group Art Unit: 1765
Application No.: 09/960,316) Examiner: Ahmed, S.
Filed: September 24, 2001)
For: METHOD FOR FORMING PATTERN))

Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, it is respectfully requested that Figs. 1A-

1F, 2B, 2F, and 3E in the above-captioned application be amended as follows:

Please add the legend -- Prior Art -- to each of Figs. 1A-1F;

add reference numeral 4 to Fig. 2B;

change reference numeral 3 to 3a in Fig. 2F; and

add reference numeral 16 to Fig. 3E.

The changes are indicated in red on the attached copies of the originally filed drawings.

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Respectfully submitted,

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